

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 34/96 (AMR 41/05/96, 13 February 1996) and follow-up (AMR 41/14/96, 8 March) - Ill-treatment / Fear of torture / Medical and legal concerns

MEXICO Andrés Manuel López Obrado, PRD member

Dorilian Díaz Pérez, civil servant at Town Hall

Rafael López Cruz, President of the State Committee of PRD

Darvin González Ballina, former PRD parliamentarian

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and 98 other detainees, including 8 women and 3 minors

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All the above-mentioned people were released without charge between 13 and 15 March 1996. Amnesty International has been informed in a fax received on 19 March from the *Comité de Derechos Humanos de Tabasco CODEHUTAB*, Human Rights Committee of Tabasco, that their release was in part a result of international solidarity and pressure:

"In order for this measure to be adopted by the federal government

many factors both political and social have to come together, but also the outcome was influenced decisively by the letter-writing campaign done by members of Amnesty International (nearly 200 copies of that letter were received in our offices), and by other national and foreign organizations who work for the defence of the human rights. We are most grateful for your generous response to the Urgent Action."

*("Para que esta medida fuera adoptada por el gobierno federal tuvieron que conjugarse factores de índole político y social pero también influyó decisivamente la campaña de cartas enviadas por miembros de Amnistía Internacional (cerca de dos centenares de copias se recibieron en nuestra oficina), y otros organismos nacionales y extranjeros dedicados a la defensa de los derechos humanos. Reciban nuestro mas profundo agradecimiento por la generosa respuesta a las acciones urgentes").*

Amnesty International will continue to follow developments into the investigation of ill-treatment during the security force operation and the legal and medical concerns, but no further action by the UA Network is requested.

☺☺ Thank you to all of you who sent appeals.